



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 24, 2000

**H.R. 5234**

**An act to amend the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000  
to extend the applicability of that act to certain former spouses  
of deceased Hmong veterans**

*As cleared by the Congress on October 19, 2000*

H.R. 5234 would relax the naturalization requirements relating to English language proficiency and knowledge of civics for the surviving spouses of certain deceased Laotians. Such persons would have to apply for citizenship within 18 months of enactment. Enacting H.R. 5234 would increase naturalization fees collected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. We expect that the agency would spend the fees (without further appropriation), mostly in the year in which they are collected, so enacting H.R. 5234 would result in a negligible net budgetary impact in any year.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.